

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 082988
ORIGIN ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ISO-00 /025 R

66011

DRAFTED BY:ARA/CCA:DEHENDERSON:DPB
APPROVED BY:ARA/CCA:WSSMITH
AF/C:RGRIDDEN

-----056889 311621Z /50

R 310314Z MAR 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO USINT HAVANA
INFO AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 082988

FOLLOWING REPEAT BUJUMBURA 0344 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO
DAR ES SALAAM KIGALI KINSHASA NAIROBI MAR 28.
QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BUJUMBURA 0344

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, BY, CU, CG
SUBJECT: ZAIRE REACTION TO CUBAN EMBASSY

REF: BUJUMBURA 292

1. SUMMARY: CHARGE MET MARCH 23 WITH FWADI KANYANGA,
ZAIRE'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, TO DISCUSS OPENING CUBAN
EMBASSY. IT CLEAR ZAIROIS UNHAPPY ABOUT DEVELOPMENT
BUT NOT TO POINT OF TAKING ACTION. END SUMMARY.

2. OPENING OF EMBASSY WAS DISCUSSED IN GREAT DETAIL
AND ZAIROIS INFORMATION GENERALLY COINCIDED WITH OURS.
KANYANGA STATES THEY BELIEVE CUBAN PRESENCE HERE WILL
BE MENACE TO SECURITY OF AZAIRE AND THAT BURUNDI'S
GRANTING PERMISSION FOR OPENING OF EMBASSY IS BASICALLY
UNFRIENDLY ACT. PARTICULARLY ANNOYING TO KANYANGA IS
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 082988

FAILURE OF BURUNDI PRESS TO MAKE ANY MENTION OF CUBAN
PRESENCE AND FUTURE EMBASSY. KANYANGA BELIEVES
MAIN THRUST OF CUBAN PRESENCE WILL BE TO BUILD
SYMPATHY AMONG MASS OF POPULATION, BUT PARTICULARLY
WITHIN YOUTH BRANCH OF UPRONA, THE JRR. HE DID
NOT RAISE POSSIBLE SUBVERSION IN KIVU.

3. FONMIN MUGANGA CALLED KANYANGA IN YESTERDAY (MARCH 22) TO INFORM HIM THAT CONTRARY TO GOSSIP OPENING OF CUBAN EMBASSY WAS NOT UNFRIENDLY ACT TOWARD ZAIRE BUT SHOULD BE VIEWED STRICTLY WITHIN BURUNDI'S POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT. BURUNDI FULLY INTENDS TO MAINTAIN ITS GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY WITH ZAIRE AND TO CONTINUE ITS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF THE GREAT LAKE COUNTRIES. MUGANGA SAID THERE WOULD BE NO ASSISTANCE FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND THAT CUBAN INTERESTS WOULD BE LIMITED TO CULTURAL AREAS. KANYANGA STATES HE STRONGLY EXPRESSED ZAIRE'S UNHAPPINESS OVER CUBAN PRESENCE, BUT MUGANGA SAID IF CUBANS BECAME PROBLEM GRB COULD ALWAYS CONSIDER WITHDRAWING AUTHORIZATION FOR EMBASSY.

4. COMMENT: KANYANGA STRIKES ME AS A PRETTY CANNY DIPLOMAT AND MUCH OF CONVERSATION CONSISTED OF DANCING AROUND OPENINGS WE GAVE EACH OTHER. AT CLOSE OF MEETING HE ASKED ME IF I THOUGHT GRB WOULD REVOKE APPROVAL OF EMBASSY IF ENOUGH EMBASSIES APPLIED PRESSURE. WHEN I SAID I THOUGHT IT TOO LATE FOR THAT, HE AGREED.
GOOLD UNQUOTE COOPER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, DIPLOMATIC MISSION OPENING
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 31 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE082988
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: ARA/CCA:DEHENDERSON:DPB
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780140-0386
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t1978032/aaaaablz.tel
Line Count: 85
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: bd5181bc-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 BUJUMBURA 292
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3187841
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ZAIRE REACTION TO CUBAN EMBASSY
TAGS: PEPR, PDIP, BY, CU, CG
To: HAVANA
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/bd5181bc-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014